



# ANS Early Correspondence 1871

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**Main Correspondents:** Isaac Francis [Augustus] Wood; Prof. Charles E. Anthon; Charles De F. Burns.

**Other Correspondents:** Alfred Sandham, McGill College; W.H. Vanderbilt, National Chemical Wood Treatment Co.; R.H. Bowne; Charles Henry Hart, Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia; S.S. Crosby; Jeremiah Colburn, Boston Numismatic Society; Henry Mott.

**Noted Subjects:** possible Waterloo Medal is actually German?; Canadian medals; dry oak kindling wood; Exchange of "Antiquarian" for "Numismatic" in "American Journal of Numismatics"?; Bermuda piece; Clay collection: false money?

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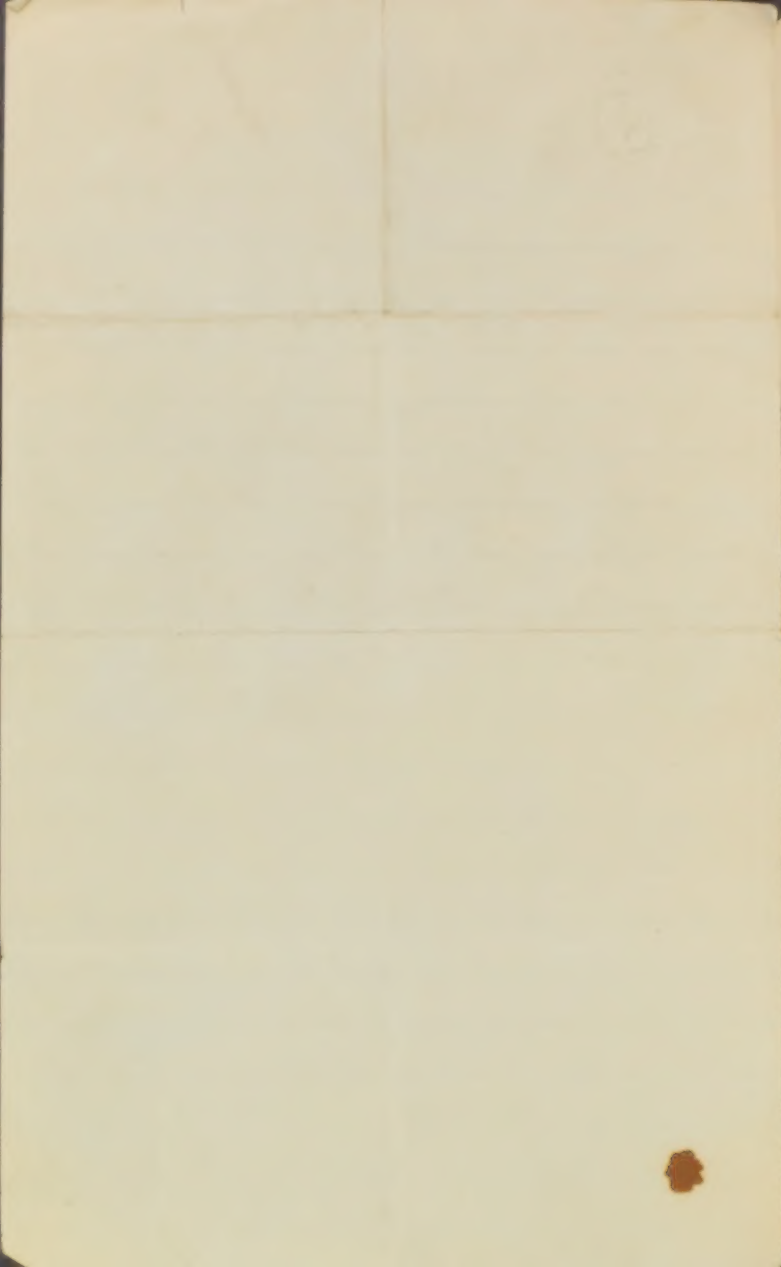
Alf. Sandham to Wood	RE: Canadian Medals	Mar. 25
W. H. Vanderbilt to R. H. Bowne	" 'Dry Oak Kindling Wood'!	May 13
Charles De F. Burns to ?	" Exch. of "Antiquarian" for Journal(?)	July 19
Charles Henry Hart to Wood	" Ack. receipt of Journals by N. & A. Soc. of Philadelphia	July 31
S. S. Crosby to Wood	" Wishing use of cut of Bermuda Piece	Aug. 28
Wood to Crosby	" " " " "	Aug. 30
Anthon to Wood	" Does not possess " " "	Sept 14
S. S. Crosby to Wood	" Thanks for wood cuts & more about Bermuda Piece	Sept 28
Henry Mott to Anthon	" Donations (Not answered until 1875)	Nov. 20
CEA to Wood	" a medal NOT the Waterloo	"Wednesday"
Colburn to Wood	" Clay collection	Oct. 6

Wednesday.

My dear W.

I have no acquaintance with this fine medal, and no book from which I can acquire any. I agree with you that nothing indicates its being a Waterloo medal. The three men and heroes of the German War of liberation of 1813-15, and the scenes appear to represent the Germans going out to war and returning. I cannot make out anything like the battle of Waterloo among them.

Truly yours &c.  
C. R. D.



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CRAIG STREETS.

Explanatory of  
"Sandham"

Montreal, March 23 1871

J. F. Wood Esq  
New York  
Dear Sir

Your esteemed favors  
with photos of the "Montreal Medal"  
have been duly received, and I  
now tender you my sincere  
thanks for the trouble taken  
and can assure you that I  
shall most gladly reciprocate  
by sending, so far as may lie  
within my power, to add to  
your collection. I am happy  
to know that you take an  
interest in the Coins and Medals  
of my native Country, and I  
hope your efforts towards securing  
a complete series may be suc -



successful, but, I fear that you  
will have to exercise a great  
deal of patience ere you ac-  
complish the object. The only  
~~thing~~ department which I have  
thus far been able to complete  
is that of Educational Periodicals  
and in this I think I stand  
alone in Canada and perhaps  
in America and as I hang  
out my "silver and bronze"  
specimens I feel a sort of satis-  
faction in knowing that thus  
far on my way, I have been  
successful. But "onward"  
still is my motto and I  
hope if spared to be able  
to say that I possess a  
complete series of Canadian  
Periodicals. I anticipate much  
disappointment, trouble, anx-  
ety, expense etc, etc. but I  
shall still keep on. I hope  
to be in New York about the

18<sup>th</sup> of May next and I may  
bring along my set and let some  
of the friends look at them. There  
are some really fine specimens  
of art among them. and they  
are interesting as exhibits, the  
difference of style between French  
English and American Artists..

I have adopted a plan some  
time since. of obtaining wherever  
possible a facsimile either in  
Wax or Plaster, by or by the electro  
process of coins or Metals. The  
originals of which I do not pos-  
sess (that is of Canadian pieces)  
and in this way I can show  
what have been issued for the  
~~the~~ Provinces. Of course I never  
let an opportunity pass of securing  
a genuine and merely took upon  
the cast as a temporary makeshift.

I do not know what your feelings  
upon this subject may be, but of

you would have no objection  
to I would like an impression  
in wax of the Anne and Bessie  
of the Memorial Medal and the  
Hes. Soc Medal. I mean simply,  
an impression from them which  
will of course be reversed, but  
from which I could take a soft  
wax impression giving the proper  
position. I do not press this  
matter, but merely present it for  
your consideration.

And now I turn to the matter.  
I send you this day by post a  
copy of No 1 "Medals of Canada"  
which please accept. I have  
not sold a single copy and do  
not intend doing so as I issued  
it for my friends and I have  
pleasure in placing you in that  
list if agreeable. I printed  
but 50 copies and I have but  
4 or 5 left which I shall keep



In a special run. I am now  
preparing a work in the "Prize  
College and its Medals" which will  
be issued about May 1<sup>st</sup>. It  
will be uniform with the "Price  
of Wales Medals" and the price  
is set at \$1 just 15 cents above  
the actual cost. I called  
the A. M. upon Messrs. Bishop &  
to order a copy of "Prize Col-  
lege and its Medals" to be sent to you  
and to my astonishment I found  
that they had received an order  
from you for a copy which had  
been forwarded. I did not expect  
your interest in Prizeworth was so  
great as to lead to such an order  
and I should have endeavored to  
furnish you before you had gone  
to the expense of purchasing a copy.  
With reference to my "series"  
of Medals of course there is  
but one prepared as yet. But

I hope to follow them up  
and I shall have great pleasure  
in presenting you a copy of Medal  
No 1 as soon as received which I  
hope will be in a few days.

My friend Mr. Cofer will have  
some in his possession for dis-  
tribution among my friends in  
New York and I will request  
him to hand one to you. As  
this medal but so are struck  
in tin 1 in Silver & 1 in Bronze.

I have made this letter much longer  
than I had intended but I shall close  
by saying that my offer of assistance  
made you some months ago still  
holds good, and as an earnest of the  
same I enclose a letter which I  
think you do not possess. (See Com. of  
Canada Page 39 No 95) These coins have  
never been released from prison and only  
a very few specimens have got out. I think  
they have been stolen by some of the laborers  
as the Customs were home and spent for  
liquor. At any rate the authorities tell  
me that the goods have never been  
delivered and they can not tell where these

1000. 1000.

in answer to the queries respecting  
in shortness. The enclaves explain  
that the information is from an article  
by Rev. Christian, and it should also be  
explained that the article appeared in  
"The Numismatic Chronicle and Journal of  
the Numismatic Soc of London" New Series  
Vol II. The Article or rather Articles  
(for there were two) are entitled -

"Copper Coinage of the British Colonies  
in America" and "Anglo American  
Copper Coinage".

These works were offered in a  
Catalogue received from London a short  
time since and I ordered them both.  
Should I receive them I shall have pleasure  
in loaning them to you if desired.

Excuse the scribbled nature of  
this letter, as also the fragments of  
paper on which it is written as I  
really had no idea that I was



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Alfred Sanborn

Montreal April 22/71

My dear Sir

Yours of 17<sup>th</sup> came to hand and I thank you kindly for your offer to furnish me with copies of the medals published by you. The medal ordered by me from Mr. Cogan was the Haverford College Medal. The society has a copy each of the Haverford and Johnson but does not possess the Norwalk. I thank you for the photo of Dr. Hall and will present the duplicate to the society at its next meeting.

With reference to the medals handed you by Mr. Cogan I wish to furnish you some particulars.

The Dies for the Wmisonatic Medal were cut by a Mr. Scott

Annals of Edinburgh' now of  
Toronto. The medals were struck  
by Lott of New York.

The Masonic Medal is extremely  
rare, that is, the first struck  
medal. The two were handed

me some time since, that is  
in the spring of 1840. I have  
now in my own collection

found it best to have a few  
struck for friends and have  
ordered 20 of which you have  
received one. And now to

explain the bundle of miscella-  
neous - numismatic - Archaeological  
or by whatever name you may  
call the matter enclosed in

this. In the first place the  
'Candler' bill is for your own  
collection and I have said that  
it is not a plentiful supply that  
can be obtained. If the same medal

it is very rare with us. The  
old papers contain items referring  
to New York (40 years ago) and  
the Patriots (also of American abili-  
tates one at your disposal for  
your own collection - That of the  
Historical Society; - or the Waste-  
Paper Basket - whichever you  
think may be the best place  
for them. I also enclose a  
specimen of the Harpby letter.  
I am not sure but that I  
sent you one of the same on a  
former occasion. If so, you may  
know some friend whose collection  
is minus the letter. You  
will also receive a much finer  
specimen of the Devins J. Bolton  
for your own collection and you  
will please present the gift  
me to the Society whenever con-  
venient. I would like the soc

and to preserve fine specimens.  
Now Mr. But I shall under-  
stand to secure an uncirculated  
specimen to replace the one now.  
You will please pardon the  
long epistle about such trifles.  
I hope to see you in person about  
the 29 or 30th of May.

Very respectfully  
City of Santham

I find at the last moment  
that I have mislaid the 'Shapley'  
but I will hunt it up, and for-  
ward it in my next.  
Yrs  
J. J.



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I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Very Respectfully Yours

For the Company.

Autograph

— M. W. Underhill



Miss  
Ang. 30/71

127 Mercer St.  
July 19 1871

Dear Sir

I duly rec'd your favor  
with enclosure of \$2. subscription to  
Anti<sup>n</sup> - accept thanks - will forward  
accepted bill with next number, which  
will not be issued before 1<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>,  
probably - I am short of material  
for its columns, & should be very  
glad to receive an article from you  
on some subject of interest, or  
any contribution to the Notes & Queries.  
It is my wish to increase the  
number of pages to offset the extra  
charge for subscription, but to do this  
I must receive the support of collectors  
in the way of contribution to its  
columns. I presume you have rec'd  
all of the numbers of Vol. I. four  
in all, the last one now sent to  
Second Ad. - I address this to the  
same place as other notes

I address in few notes for or it to  
say what it now is. I shall  
be happy to make the exchange for  
puppets, altho' I have only abt. 4  
half a dozen (apart from remaining of  
puppets one). Please inform me  
where to send them.

Very truly yours  
Frank B. S. Howard

Am. Aug 20/11

Phila. July 31st 1871

Isaac Wood Esq  
Lib. on N.

My dear Sir,

I am of the 25th to hand as also  
the numbers of Vol 4, of the Journal for which  
on the next page please find an official  
acknowledgment and also accept  
my personal thanks for your personal  
kindness. In scanning the page of Vol 4  
I find in No 7. page 56, a note relative to  
your "Johnson - Entry Medal" that on acknowl-  
edgment of the Receipt of it had been received  
from our Society. The reason for this  
was that it was never received. I should  
be glad to know to whom it was sent &  
also of the numbers of the Journal now sent  
had ever been sent before. We hear of many  
donations sent to the Soc. and not recd  
but upon investigation find that they have  
been sent to some one else than Mr  
Phillips or myself.

Yours truly  
Chas. Sumner



The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia  
has received "*American Journal of Numismatics*" n° Vol  
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Chas. Henry Davis  
Corresponding Secretary.  
J. M. Stein

Philadelphia, July 31st 1871

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Ans. to  
Aug 30 and  
Sep. 21 - 171

Boston, Aug. 21, 1871

J. S.

copy



1871  
New York Aug 30 - 1871

Mr. J. S. Crosby,  
240, Washington St Boston,

Dear Sir,

Yours of 28<sup>th</sup> is at hand,  
Happening to meet Mr. Lerick  
I inquired of him relative  
to the wood cuts, He informs  
me that Prof. Anthony had  
them in charge, and they must  
still be with him, or possibly  
in the hands of the printer, Dr.  
Anthony is I presume still  
out of town, but I will  
refer the matter to him at  
the earliest opportunity —  
meantime if you choose  
you might drop him a  
line, as I have from him some

for the week's absence, and  
you may be anxious. I shall  
probably be in Boston the last of  
this week and may see him  
you.

I see no reason why you  
should not have the loan  
of the carts. I am sure  
we are all bound to help  
along so good a work.

Yours very truly

Isaac F. Trood,



((The College of the City of New York))

— COR. LEXINGTON AVE. & 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET. —

New York Sep. 14. 1871.

My dear Wood,

This day place  
in the hands of our Janitor  
three parcels of Journals, of dif-  
ferent months, being all that  
I have of the year 1870, togeth-  
er with Clay's book on L'Isle  
de l'Ancon (which I re-  
turn to you with thanks), al-  
so some numbers of Tribune's  
Am. and Oriental Lit. Record,  
and a Russian pamphlet,  
the whole done up in a pack-  
age, for which I believe  
that you kindly promised  
to send... will forward im-  
mediately to S. P. Crosby, according  
to your request, all the block-  
my possession. They are, Balti-  
more Shipping and Bal & Expenses,  
and the Home American of 1/33  
& 1871. 1. City Advertiser (1871).

... ..) of the ... ..  
... .. to ... ..  
? How he can obtain the facts ...  
bers of the Journal, and I shall  
refer him to you for those ...  
... .. to May 1870. ... ..  
... .. Henry ... .. I should  
have told you, was never in our  
possession, except as a loan,  
and belongs to that ... ..  
... ..

... ..  
and present ... ..  
... .. the ... ..  
of ... ..  
Chas. E. C. Athol

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Boston Sept 28. 1871

W. F. Wood Esq.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for the trouble you  
have taken to obtain for me the wood cuts,  
which I rec'd from Prof. Anthony, some  
days since: as to the cut of the Bermuda  
piece. I bought what I supposed comprised  
the whole of Mr. Busme's cut (the Lone  
Baltimore Penny is now the rest), but saw  
none of the Bermuda; however, I shall  
soon be in your city, and will try and  
ascertain about it.

Yours

L. H.

S. S. Crosby

Crusty, J. L.  
Sep. 28 / 71



18 SOMERSET STREET.

Boston, Mass. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1871.

My dear Sir,

I have it now! 'Tis all right. I will send the extra copies for yourself and the Society, the first of next week, and a copy of No. 1 to Chapin and Alioth.

We can't have too much of a good thing. I was elected, and have received a Diploma, as Cor. Mem. of the "N. E. Historical" in June last.

Has my friend Dr. H. W. Moore returned from Europe?

Have you seen the Olney Collection? I think the most, if not all, of the N. E. money is false. The three pence on the Seal of our Society is from the one belonging to Mr. Appleton - observe the copy of it at the head

of this sheet - you will observe that  
the punch on which N E is cut  
is irregular - now please examine  
the one in Dr. Clay's collection.

All numismatists here are  
well satisfied that there was  
no Pine Tree Penny, in Silver,  
struck here. I am told that  
the Penny[?] in Clay's Collec-  
tion weighs only one grain less  
than the ~~authorized~~ two penny  
-piece of the Pine tree money!

I have seen within a few  
days - an altered two penny  
-piece to a one - which is a  
perfect fac-simile of the so-  
called penny in Clay's Collection.

Collectors must be on  
their guard in this matter  
of altered and manufactured

coin. Do you remember  
that Sauctimonious individual  
who issued the bogus Pine tree  
money some years since?

In the cut first made of  
our Seal - [See No. 1 - of Vol 5] the  
punch mark was nearly square.  
We had it changed to conform  
to the identical coin in the  
Appleton's Collection, a true  
copy of which I inclose,

Yours truly.

H. Colburn

J. K. Wood, Esq.,  
172 Second Avenue,  
N.Y.





Formally  
ack  
with apology  
1/25/75  
J. M. J.  
re letter  
of  
J. M. J.  
Box 943 P.O.  
Montreal  
(November 20 1871)

Dear Sir

I am ashamed to refer to the date of your last favour, and you must not regard this as a reply to it, but at the risk of offending you (as I remember you told me in it that you were not quite so enthusiastic in the way of collecting as heretofore,) I venture now to complete your set of our Canadian 1871 Silver issue by enclosing a 50 cents and 10 cents piece and a duplicate of each for your Society, if you will favour me by becoming my "medium". The history of the matter is simply this, when I sent the other pieces, the denominations that I now enclose

were not published and I subsequently  
put these aside to send them to you and  
a very busy fall season's trade, has  
sadly interfered with my leisure for  
anything in the shape of private  
letter writing. Pray forgive me if I  
am troubling you too much.

I am interested in autographs, if  
you possess anything in duplicates or that  
you may wish to part with I shall be  
happy to hear from you. I highly  
appreciate your Latin subscription to  
you last, but fear to enter upon it in  
of skill in that language with "an older  
and a better soldier." I will for this  
time condense my wishes into the  
modest "Salve" and beg to remain  
Dear Sir

Yours very truly

Henry Mott

Chas E. Arthur Esq

Henry Mott

Novem 20<sup>th</sup> 1871

"Donations"